

**Notice of Availability of the
Draft Damage Assessment and Restoration
Plan for the Olympic Pipe Line Gasoline Spill
into Whatcom Creek, Bellingham, Washington**

Natural Resources Affected

Federal, state, city and tribal governments are planning to restore natural resources injured from the 1999 Olympic Pipe Line gasoline spill and fire in Bellingham, WA. Stream habitats, park lands, fish and wildlife, and vegetation were destroyed when the pipeline ruptured and the spilled gasoline ignited.

Public Comment

Trustees have developed a draft restoration plan and would like to receive **your input on the proposed restoration** projects.

Written comments will be accepted on the draft plan through April 8, 2002. Comments should be sent to: Doug Helton, NOAA, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA, 98115, or to Doug.Helton@noaa.gov. For more information, or to request a copy of the plan, contact Clare Fogelsong at (360) 676-6850, Richard Grout (360) 738-6250, or Doug Helton (206) 526-4563 or: www.darcnw.noaa.gov/whatcom.htm

Public Meeting

Please join the Trustees to discuss the draft restoration plan at a public meeting on Wednesday, March 20, 7:00 p.m. at the Bellingham City Hall, 210 Lottie Street, Bellingham, WA.

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